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1. IN NOTE TO MEMBERS (ZC(77)/8), ACTING SECRETARY OF
ZANGGER COMMITTEE (JENKINS, UK) HAS TRANSMITTED TEXT OF
LETTER RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN MISSION WHICH READS IN PART
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVT.
OF ITALY IS NOW IN A POSITION TO IMPLEMENT IN THEIR
ENTIRETY THE TWO MEMORANDA ZC(71)/10 (FINAL) AND
ZC(72)/12 (FINAL) RELATING TO THE EXPORT OF

(A) SOURCE AND SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIALS, AND

(B) CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL
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ESPECIALLY DESIGNED OR PREPARED FOR THE PROCESSING,
USE OR PRODUCTION OF SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL
TO ANY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.
UNQUOTE.

2. ON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE, JENKINS PHONED ITALIAN
MISOFF ZAMBONI TO STATE HIS ASSUMPTION THAT GOI WOULD

NOW BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE PRESCRIBED DIPLOMATIC NOTES, WITH ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDA, WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD ALREADY DONE SO. AFTER CHECKING WITH COLLEAGUE, ZAMBONI CALLED BACK TO STATE THAT HE SAW NO NEED FOR THIS; THAT GOI HAD ALREADY (IN 1974) SENT NOTES TO A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

3. COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO BY ZAMBONI WAS 1974 NOTE VERBALE (TEXT CONTAINED REF D) IN WHICH GOI SPECIFICALLY INDICATED ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THOSE PARAS OF THE MEMORANDA IN WHICH OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNDERTOOK (1) TO PROVIDE EACH OTHER WITH ANNUAL REPORTS OF EXPORTS OF SOURCE OR SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL AND TRIGGER LIST ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT TO NNWSS NOT PARTY TO NPT AND (2) TO REVIEW ZANGGER UNDERTAKINGS NLT SEPTEMBER 1976. PROVISION HAD ALSO BEEN INCLUDED IN MEMORANDA WHEREBY ANY MEMBER COULD REQUEST MEETING OF COMMITTEE IN EVENT IT FELT ITS COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WERE BEING THREATENED BY EXPORT POLICIES OF ANOTHER MEMBER. GOI ALSO DEMURRED ON THIS.

4. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, IN ZANGGER COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, US REPS HAVE CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT FULL UNDERTAKINGS WHICH RESULTED FROM THE MANY MONTHS OF DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA ARE BASED ON COORDINATED BILATERAL EXCHANGES OF CAREFULLY PRESCRIBED DIPLOMATIC NOTES BETWEEN LIKE-MINDED GOVERNMENTS AND THAT FULL PARTICIPATION IN ZANGGER CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THAT EXCHANGE. ITALIAN NOTE VERBALE OF 1974 CLEARLY DID NOT MEET THAT CRITERION, NOR DOES NOTE REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 AGOVE SINCE IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING.

5. JENKINS INTENDS TO SEND ITALIAN MISSION A FORMAL INQUIRY AS TO DATE ON WHICH GOI WISHES TO EXCHANGE NOTES, IN HOPES OF ELICITING MORE DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF GOI INTENTIONS. WILL ADVISE.STONE

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